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In re the application of:

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PURIFICATION

CLAIM TO PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119

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Sir:

The benefit of the filing dates of the following prior foreign applications is hereby requested for the above-identified application, and the priority provided in 35 U.S.C. § 119 is hereby claimed:

Japanese Patent Application No. 15502/1996, filed January 31, 1996

Japanese Patent Application No. 74721/1996, filed March 28, 1996

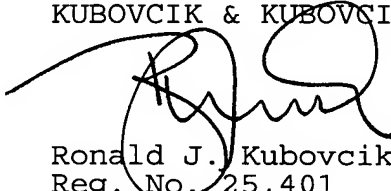
In support of this claim, the requisite certified copies of said original foreign applications have been filed with the International Bureau in PCT/JP97/00254, of which Serial No. 08/930,271 is a 371.

It is requested that the file of this application be marked to indicate that the applicant has complied with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and that the Patent and Trademark Office kindly acknowledge receipt of this document.

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